

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims prior to examination on the merits as follows:

1. (Original) A spreader for gripping a standard container in conjunction with a crane device to which the spreader can be attached via a chain-type suspension gear, with holding elements (25) which can engage in receptacles of the standard container and can be locked by means of a control linkage (32) running horizontally, characterized in that a switching segment (27) is connected to the control linkage (32), which switching segment has a curved recess (28) for setting two switching positions and which, in an operating position, can be raised into a vertical position and, in a transportation position, can be folded down into a horizontal position.
2. (Original) The spreader as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the holding elements (25) comprise twistlock bolts.
3. (Currently Amended) The spreader as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that, in an operating position, side guides (33, 34) are connected to the spreader (15) via spacer elements (35) connected inbetween in such a manner that said side guides protrude laterally over the area of a standard container, and, in a transportation position without spacer elements (35), are displaced toward the spreader (15) in such a manner that they are arranged within the area of a standard container.
4. (Original) The spreader as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that, in the operating position, the side guides (33,34) are arranged protruding downward and, in the transportation position, can be rotated about 90° into a horizontal position.